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Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 4, all other claims having been cancelled since they are being presented in the CIP application Serial No. 11/115,480 thereby obviating the rejection of these claims.


Claims 1 to 3 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner deemed the definition of AA as being garbled and questioned "able to be a carbapeptide". He also questioned the definition of R.

Applicants traverse these grounds of rejection as the amended claims are believed Clear. The missing comma has been supplied to the R definition and "carbapeptide" no longer appears in claim 1. The definition of AA has been clarified and withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

All the claims were rejected under obviousness double patenting rejection over the claims of appending application Serial No. 11/115,480 and the terminal disclaimer filed obviates this ground of rejection.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' patentable contribution. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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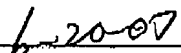

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